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(57) Abstract: An improved thiosulphate leach process for the recovery of gold from ores and other gold-bearing materials, characterised in that the leach solution comprises thiosulphate, thiourea or a reagent chemically related thereto, and an oxidant that does not oxidise thiosulphate, the process producing a pregnant leach solution from which gold may be recovered.

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